

Waterville Parks and Recreation
Men's Slow Pitch League
Organizational Meeting
March 29, 2010

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MEN'S SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE
2009-2010 RULES AND GUIDELINES**

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- 1) The league fee must be paid by **April 17, 2009**, **16, 2010**. Checks should be made payable to the City of Waterville. The league fee for the 2010 season will be \$325. There is a \$5.00 fee for all players that are not residents of the City of Waterville. The non-resident fee is due by June 4, 2010.
- 2) League rosters must be submitted to the Waterville Parks and Recreation Department by **May 15, 2009**, **June 4, 2010**. Players may only be registered on one roster and hence participate on one team. Rosters are limited to ~~20-18~~ players. Changes to rosters can be made up until the team's fourth scheduled game. Any male playing in this league may not play on any Bash Division league team; however, they can play on a Smash Division team. After the fourth game, in order to be able to add any players to your roster, your roster must drop to 12 players. At that time you may add up to three players. Changes after that are made at the discretion of the Parks and Recreation Department. According to ASA rules; article 502 A – Male team rosters should include male players only. Teams will be prohibited from participating in the end of the season tournament if a complete roster is not submitted to the Department.
- 3) A player must be 18 to be eligible to play in the league.
- 4) All players must wear uniform shirts that are alike in color with a number. If a player will be wearing a hat, all team hats must be matching. Teams will have until the 4th scheduled game to meet this requirement. Each player not meeting this requirement by the 4th game will not be eligible to play in that game.
- 5) Games will start at the following times:

Rummel Field – 6:30pm, 7:30pm, 8:30pm. Games will be played at 5:30, 6:30 & 7:30 on Sundays.
Herlihy & Reed Fields – 6:15pm
NOTE: Players must be at field by scheduled start time (NO GRACE TIME).
- 6) Teams will be notified of game cancellations by 5:00pm. Cancellations will be determined by the Parks and Recreation Department. Some fields hold water worse than others so we may cancel games based on the individual field condition. Therefore there will be times when some fields are open and others are not. Only captains may call in for cancellation information. Parks and Recreation will send an email to those captains when games have been canceled, except for Sunday games. Any team found on a field after a rain cancellation or when an employee of the Parks and Recreation Department deems the field unplayable will be sanctioned as the Parks and Recreation Department deems necessary. Waterville Parks and Recreation will review each violation individually and will determine the sanction at that time.
- 7) Should games be cancelled at the field by the umpires, both teams are responsible for compensating the umpires. If a team forfeits a game at the field, the team who forfeits will pay both umpires. If both teams forfeit, each team will pay one umpire. Teams will be removed from the schedule for any forfeit fees owed until they are paid to the umpires or Waterville Parks and Recreation.
- 8) Players, coaches, scorekeepers, and sponsors are the only persons allowed in the dugout. Children (ages 16 and under) are not permitted to be in the dugout or on the playing field.

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9) Alcohol is not permitted in or around playing areas. This includes all parking lots near fields. Smoking is prohibited on all school grounds, include fields at Reed and Herlihy. Smoking is prohibited on all fields and in dugouts.

10) If a team forfeits three games in the season, they will be removed from the league with no refund. Games that were scheduled for the remainder of the season may be rescheduled. Rescheduling is at the sole discretion of the Parks and Recreation Department.

PLAYING RULES

Games will be governed by current ASA Men's Slow Pitch Softball Playing Rules with the following points of emphasis and exceptions:

1) Prior to the start of the game, each team will provide an umpire with a line up card, new ball, and \$20.

2) Short-Handed Rule: A game may begin with nine players. The absent player's spot must be listed last in the batting order. Whenever the absent player is due to bat, an out is declared. Once the absent player arrives, he must be inserted into the vacant spot immediately.

~~3) When a team begins a game with 10 players, that team may continue play if a player leaves the game for any reason other than ejection. Whenever the absent player is due to bat, an out is declared. Teams cannot bat less than nine players at any time.~~

~~4) If an Extra Player (EP) is used, an EP must be used the entire game—Exception, Short-Handed Rule (teams may play down to 10 players if using EP whenever the absent player is due to bat, an out is declared.). An EP may be substituted for at any time. The substitute must be a player who has not yet been in the game. The starting EP may re-enter.~~

~~54)~~ The ASA casual profanity rule will be enforced.

~~65)~~ Bats certified/approved by the ASA are permissible. Use of banned ASA bats is strictly prohibited. If any member of your team is caught using a banned bat, the player will be banned from playing on any Waterville field for one year from the date that you are caught and the entire team will be warned. If any player from that team is caught using a banned bat after the warning, the entire team will be banned for one year from the date that you are caught. This includes any tournaments that are held in Waterville, whether or not they are sponsored by the Waterville Parks and Recreation Department. Your team is subject to an official checking of all bats at any time during a game.

~~76)~~ Metal cleats are not permitted.

~~87)~~ The pitching arc is defined at 6-~~12~~-10 feet.

~~9) Batters will start with a one ball, one strike count.~~

~~10) Stealing—runners can advance once the pitched ball reaches the front edge of home plate.~~

~~11)~~ Three over the fence homeruns are allowed per team per game with a progressive homerun allowed thereafter. Additional over the fence homeruns constitute an out.

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~~12) If a team is ahead by 20 after four innings or 12 after five innings, the game will be declared finished.~~

~~4311~~) If a player or coach is ejected from the game by an umpire, he will not be permitted to participate in the next scheduled game. If a player or coach is ejected a second time by the umpire, he or she will not be permitted to participate in the next three scheduled games. A third ejection will result in suspension for the remainder of the season. Suspended players are not allowed to sit on the bench.

~~4412~~) The team captain or acting team captain must notify the plate umpire immediately if a game is being played under protest. A written protest must be submitted to Jeff Marshall, league Commissioner, with a copy to the Parks and Recreation Department within 24 hours (if the protested game is played on Friday night, the written protest must be received by the following Monday).

**Waterville Parks and Recreation
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2010 Team Roster**

Team Name _____ Captain's Name _____

Mailing Address _____ Phone Number(s) _____

Email Address (required) _____ (This will be how we send all information for the league)

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In consideration of the above listed program, I hereby hold harmless the City of Waterville, Waterville Parks and Recreation, and any of its employees, officers, agents, supervisors, and volunteers from any and all liability which may arise as a result of injury or injuries in the participation of the program described above.

* ROSTERS ARE DUE BY JUNE 4, 2010. ROSTERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IF SIGNATURES ARE MISSING.

Memo

To: 2010 Captains
From: Bobbie-Jo Green
Recreation Coordinator
Date: 3/16/10
Re: Lights, Smoking & League Commissioner



LIGHTS AT RUMMELS FIELD

In the past there has been some confusion on who is responsible for turning on and off lights at Rummels field each night that games are held there.

All officials will be given a key to the bathhouse and they shall be responsible for turning on the lights. Lights **should not** be turned on for all games, just when they are necessary to maintain a safe environment to play. Many other fields are not lit and are able to be played on until 8:30 pm most nights. Turning the lights on only when needed will reduce the cost of electricity significantly.

Since many teams take so long leaving the field after the final game, it will be the responsibility of the Home Team Captain to make sure that the lights are shut off and the gate to the bathhouse is locked after the final game. It is extremely important that this happens to keep electricity costs down and reduce the likelihood of vandalism in the bathhouse. If we find that the Captains are not shutting off the lights, we will return to having the officials shutting off the lights whether or not anyone is up at the field.

SMOKING

PLEASE do not smoke on any of the fields as this causes additional work for the parks staff to clean up the field each week. Also, it is State Law that ALL smoking is prohibited from any school grounds, all day, every day. This includes fields and parking lots at Reed, Herlihy and the High School.

LEAGUE COMMISSIONER

Announcement: Jeff Marshall will be acting as League Commissioner this season. As you may know, Jeff has been involved with softball in Central Maine for several years. He understands the League from several different perspectives including; umpires, players and fans. Jeff's role, in accordance with Waterville Parks and Recreation, will be to listen and respond to players thoughts, ideas and concerns regarding the League. He will also be available to help interpret rules. We feel that Jeff's experience, along with his passion for the game will serve all participants well.

All information concerning your division is on our website at <http://www.waterville-me.gov/departments/parks>. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 680-4744 or by email at bgreen@waterville-me.gov.